

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-21 were previously cancelled. Claims 22 and 23 are carried forward.

Claims 24-45 are withdrawn from consideration. New claim 46 is added, all as follows.

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) A printing press adapted for imprinting a web of material and comprising:

a forme cylinder, said forme cylinder being equipped with printing plates of a number of N pages in width, said number N of pages being a natural number divisible by three, said forme cylinder having a forme cylinder width, said number N of pages having a width less than said forme cylinder width, said number N of pages, plus one page having a width greater than said forme cylinder width;

at least one longitudinal web cutting device usable to cut the web of material, having a web width, into partial webs of material, each of less than said web width;

means for placing said at least one longitudinal web cutting device on a boundary between a KTH and a KTH plus one page, wherein K is selected from one third and two thirds of N; and

a former, at least one of said partial webs being conducted through said former for longitudinal folding of said at least one of said partial webs, said former

having a former entry direction in an area of said at least one longitudinal web cutting device, said entry area extending transversely to a web running direction.

23. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said former has an effective former width at least as great as two thirds of said forme cylinder width, and less than said forme cylinder width.

24. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said at least one partial web of one third of said web of material width is centered on said former, said former having an effective former width of half of the web of material.

25. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including a further longitudinal cutting device located after, in a direction of web travel, said former and adapted for cutting said at least one partial web conducted through said former in a longitudinal direction of said at least one partial web.

26. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including at least one transverse cutter after, in a direction of web travel, said former.

27. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 26 further including a stapler associated with said at least one transverse cutter.

28. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including at least one folding apparatus after, in a direction of web travel, said former.

29. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said former has a width greater than 2/3 of, and less than said width of said forme cylinder.

30. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said forme cylinder is usable to print six side-by-side arranged printed pages.

31. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 30 wherein said six side-by-side arranged printed pages are newspaper pages in broadsheet format.

32. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 wherein all of said partial webs of material are conducted to said former.

33. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said former has a width of at least half of said web width, and further wherein at least one of said partial webs, and having a partial web width of 1/3 of said web width, is folded longitudinally centered by said former.

34. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 selectively operable in a first operating position, in which a partial web of one half said web width is conducted centered to said former, and a second operating position, in which a partial web of one third said web width is conducted centered to said former.

35. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including a press frame, said folder being fixed to said press frame.

36. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including a plurality of turning bars after said at least one longitudinal web cutting device and before said former in a direction of web travel, at least one of said turning bars having an effective length of at least half of said web width.

37. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including a plurality of turning bars after said at least one longitudinal web cutting device and before said former in a

direction of web travel, at least one of said turning bars having an effective length of at least two-thirds of said web width.

38. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 36 wherein all of said plurality of turning bars have said effective length.

39. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 37 wherein all of said plurality of turning bars have said effective length.

40. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including a plurality of turning bars after said at least one longitudinal web cutting device and before said former in a direction of web travel, and means for moving at least one of said plurality of turning bars in a plane of said web to effect alignment of said partial webs with said former.

41. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 40 wherein all of said plurality of turning bars are movable in said plane.

42. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 24 wherein said printed web of one third of said web of material width is printed as two side-by-side vertical printed pages.

43. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 further including an odd number of turning bars after said at least one longitudinal web cutting device and before said former, in a direction of web travel.

44. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said former has an effective width transversely to said former entry direction.

45. (Withdrawn) The printing press of claim 22 wherein said forme cylinder width is a maximum area of ink transfer.

46. (New) A printing press adapted for imprinting a web of material and comprising:

a forme cylinder having a forme cylinder axis of rotation, said forme cylinder being equipped with printing plates of a number of N pages in width, said number N of pages being a natural number divisible by three, said forme cylinder having a forme cylinder width, said number N of pages having a width less than said forme cylinder width, said number N of pages, plus one page having a width greater than said forme cylinder width;

a press alignment direction of travel of a web of material being imprinted by said forme cylinder, said press alignment direction being perpendicular to said forme cylinder axis of rotation;

at least one longitudinal web cutting device usable to cut the web of material in said press alignment direction, said web of material having a web width not greater than said forme cylinder width, said at least one longitudinal web cutting device cutting the web into at least first and second partial webs of material, each of said at least first and second partial webs of material each having a partial web width less than said web width;

means for placing said at least one longitudinal web cutting device adjacent said forme cylinder and on a boundary between a K^{th} and a K^{th} plus one page, wherein K is selected from one third and two thirds of N ; and

a former, at least one of said partial webs being conducted through said former for longitudinal folding of said at least one of said partial webs, said former having a former entry direction, in an area subsequent to said at least one longitudinal web cutting device, said former entry area extending transversely to said press alignment direction and parallel to said forme cylinder axis of rotation.